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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No.: 17231A

First Named Inventor/Identifier: H. Hermann, et al.

## To the Commissioner for Patents

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 USC §111 and 37 CFR §1.53(b) is a non-provisional utility patent application entitled:  
**Improved Contact for Error Resistant Coupling of Electrical Signals.**

## Items or Papers Included

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (*Original, plus a duplicate for fee processing*)
2. ☒ Title page
3. ☒ Specification (Description: 13 pages; Claims: 6 page(s); Abstract: 1 page)
4. ☒ Drawings (35 USC §113) (9 sheet(s))
5. ☒ Oath or Declaration (*including a Power of Attorney*)
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d)) (*for continuation or divisional check appropriate box below*)
    - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s): signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application. (*See 37 CFR §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)*)
6. ☐ Incorporation by reference (usable if box 5b is checked): The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents*)
8. ☐ 37 CFR §3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9. ☐ Power of Attorney (*if separate from oath or declaration*)
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (*paper includes an IDS if Box 11c checked*)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - a. ☐ Form PTO-1449 (*in duplicate*)
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations (*except where not required; see 37 CFR §1.98*)
  - c. ☐ IDS included in same paper as Preliminary Amendment (*see Box 10 above*)
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP §503) (*specifically itemized*)
13. ☐ Other (microfiche computer program, nucleotide sequence, etc.; specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Continuing Application Information

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Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application no.: 09/042,400, filed March 13, 1998.

Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FEE TRANSMITTAL

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| Attorney Docket No.: | 17231A        | Filing Date:    | H. Hermann, et al. |
| Application No.:     | Not yet known | Filing Date:    | August 08, 2001    |
| Examiner:            | T. Nguyen     | Group Art Unit: | 2833               |

## Description of Action

This Fee Transmittal sheet is being submitted in connection with the accompanying **Utility Patent Application Transmittal**

## Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

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## Fee Calculations

## (1) Filing fee (large entity) (if applicable)

| Description                                     | Fee Paid           |
|---|--------------------|
| Basic fee, utility application [37 CFR 1.16(a)] | <b>(\$)</b> 710.00 |

## (2) Extra claim fees (large entity) (if applicable)

Claims in specification as filed

|  | No. in Specification or after Amendment | No. Included in Filing Fee or Previously Paid For | No. Extra (b) | Applicable Fee | Fee Paid        |
|--|---|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Claims   | 2                                       | -20 =   | -0-           | x 18 (ea.)     | -0-             |
| Independent Claims                                       | 2                                       | -3 =  | -0-           | x 80 (ea.)     | -0-             |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) presented for first time (c) |   |   | No            | 270            | -0-             |
| Subtotal (2) Extra claim fees                            |   |   |               |                | <b>(\$)</b> -0- |

## (3) Additional or other fees (large entity) (if applicable)

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| Subtotal (3) Additional or other fees | <b>(\$)</b> |

## Total Fees

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| Total Fees Submitted (Sum of Subtotals (1), (2), and (3)) | <b>(\$)</b> 710.00 |
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